

1 Now, getting to this Majority Report, Mr. Kirk-
2 land made the statement that the burden of proof is on
3 those who do not urge change.

4 Well, he is not urging change when he states in
5 the first sentence on page 2, composed of members repre-
6 senting geographic areas.

7 In the Personal Rights section of this Consti-
8 tution we just erased, not recognizing the needs of all
9 people of our State and yet we are going to come back in
10 General Provisions 6 and limit recognition for educational
11 need to people in geographic areas.

12 I say to you that the diversity in Maryland is far
13 beyond Appalachia and the Shore, but it goes to economic
14 differences, racial differences, occupational and profes-
15 sional differences. There are many things that a governor
16 who wants to have a good school board must consider that
17 far more outweigh geography and land area. We are talking
18 about people. We are talking about that educational system
19 that my five children, ages one to eight, are dependent on,
20 and I don't want any unflexible system to educate them.

21 Thank you. (Applause.)